Special Area Games for Water Sports in Hyderabad

484. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be peased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open a Special Area Games Centre for Water Sports in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what role the Andhra Pradesh Government would play in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India (SAI) has approved, in principle, the establishment of a Special Area Games (SAG) Centre for Water Sports in Hyderabad.

(c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has to provide free of cost land/building for running of the Hostel, Administrative and Training Infrastructure.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 4TH DECEMBER, 2003*

Development of Communication System in the Country

†*41. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount which was to be spent on the development of communication system in various States of the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan period and the details of the amount which has been spent so far, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the communication system in the country?

* The Sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, the 4th December, 2003 was adjourned. Answers to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the table of the house on Friday, the 5th December, 2003.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b)

Telecommunication Sector

(a) The details of amount allocated and the expenditure made State-wise/year-wise are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Steps taken to improve the telecommunication services in the country include the following broad initiatives:

(i) Continuous reforms in the Telecom Sector, including implementation of measures visualized in NTP-99, leading to liberalization and opening up the sector for competition and fast growth of services with benefits of reduced and affordable tariffs to the customers.

(ii) Extensive use of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) technology by the operators in urban and rural areas to eliminate local line faults for improving services to the customer, and to provide faster and more economical roll-out of telecom services.

(iii) Development of optical fibre technology in local and long distance network by the operators to provide larger bandwidth and reliable telecom service.

(iv) Faster expansion of Internet services and opening up of Internet telephony for International Long Distance in the first phase.

(v) Establishment of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USO) to strengthen and accelerate the spread of rural telephony.

(vi) Corporatisation of Department of Telecom Services leading to information of BSNL to provide a level playing field.

(vii) Replacement of old technology-based systems with latest technologies to improve the performance of the telecom service in the country, in particular in rural areas.

(viii) Introduction of Unified Access Service Licence regime to provide flexibility to the service providers to make use of latest technologies in the most efficient manner for providing access to the subscriber at cheaper rates.

As a result of the various measures taken, particularly after the coming into being of NTP-1999, rapid progress has been made as briefly described below:

ITEM	AS ON 1.4.1999	AS ON 30.9.2003
Teledensity	2.33	6.07
Total no. of lines (Lakh)	228	649
Cellular lines (Lakh)	12	183
Village Public Telephones (Lakh)	3.4	5.18
Optical Fibre Cable length (Lakh Kms)	0.65	4.12
Community access through Public Call Offices [PCOs] (Lakh)	5.20	15.33

II. Postal Sector

(a) Details of total funds allocated to the different States for expansion of postal network and the amount actually utilized in each year during the Ninth Plan period are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(b) Measures to improve the postal facilities in the country include the following broad initiatives:—

1. Continue to increase access to postal services by expanding the network, subject to compliance of norms and availability of resources.

2. Modernise and upgrade the infrastructure through induction of technology to develop capability to provide more value added, need-based postal product/services, including financial services, and also to enhance productivity efficiency and customer care.

Statement-I

Statement of Allocation and Expenditure State-wise/Year-wise on Development of Communication System during Ninth Five Year Plan

DOT/BSNL

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of States	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		Total Ninth Plan Allocation	Total Ninth Plan Expenditure
		Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1.	Andaman Nicobar	13.51	9.95	16.48	16.47	27.25	27.30	26.46	23.51	23.98	38.41	107.68	115.64
2.	Andhra Pradesh	540.58	550.54	681.85	696.94	1121.70	1122.64	1630.03	1808.96	1141.33	1242.93	5115.49	5422.01
3.	Assam	119.93	122.45	112.69	112.86	143.51	143.67	164.61	37.72	261.18	234.21	801.92	650.91
4.	Bihar	262.67	269.08	293.16	325.45	385.04	390.12	775.78	497.38	1043.88	951.48	2760.53	2433.51
5.	Chhatisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Gujarat	563.25	565.95	583.11	552.24	819.74	820.47	1016.83	1281.55	1436.11	1170.81	4419.04	4391.02
7.	Haryana	208.40	181.21	213.23	207.17	305.27	301.08	341.25	350.13	383.98	329.88	1452.13	1369.47
8.	Himachal Pradesh	114.78	121.59	119.98	119.87	168.09	168.02	208.87	238.59	249.18	268.38	860.9	916.45
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	47.99	52.51	52.20	51.04	111.18	87.02	105.68	94.23	132.75	116.71	449.8	401.51
10.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Karnataka	594.59	654.33	683.99	714.02	962.46	962.52	1091.38	1351.19	1150.00	1030.13	4482.42	4712.19
12.	Kerala	645.98	631.11	730.27	731.5	926.36	926.51	781.42	1046.78	991.20	1077.68	4075.23	4413.58
13.	Madhya Pradesh	303.32	329.84	416.17	390.54	516.72	481.83	542.42	943.22	903.40	786.06	2682.03	2931.49

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
14.	Maharashtra	834.29	846.63	893.65	865.52	1236.92	1236.75	1621.03	1544.24	1680.00	2149.51	6265.89	6642.65
15.	North East	99.97	104.72	131.98	182.03	210.64	201.14	207.54	17.11	138.18	372.01	788.31	877.01
16.	Orissa	155.46	167.28	167.70	174.44	224.12	224.44	350.84	288.22	427.16	408.34	1325.28	1262.72
17.	Punjab	423.22	463.32	524.67	526.00	589.94	584.27	735.97	816.21	690.32	711.23	2964.12	3101.03
18.	Rajasthan	345.64	386.01	374.75	374.81	568.14	568.15	658.99	854.67	631.64	551.34	2579.16	2734.98
19.	Tamil Nadu	886.73	876.24	1007.06	1015.70	1398.12	1383.35	1426.25	2035.51	1201.01	1246.47	5919.17	6557.27
20.	Uttar Pradesh	977.25	1018.09	1055.7	1014.2	1190.25	1171.52	1413.16	1549.55	1563.23	1954.71	6199.59	6708.07
21.	Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	206.43	694.04	206.43	694.04
22.	West Bengal	624.37	638.83	669.87	669.19	798.38	795.70	871.13	945.09	971.96	841.81	3935.71	3890.62
23.	Others	613.98	656.42	700.93	710.36	796.17	935.77	913.1	873.8	927.80	830.18	3951.98	4006.53
	TOTAL	**8375.91**	**8646.10**	**9429.44**	**9450.35**	**12500.00**	**12532.27**	**14882.74**	**16597.66**	**16154.72**	**17006.32**	**61342.81**	**64232.70**

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Sl. No.	Name of States	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		Total Ninth Plan	Total Ninth Plan
		Allo-cation	Expen-diture	Allo-cation	Expen-diture	Allo-cation	Expen-diture	Allo-cation	Expen-diture	Allo-cation	Expen-diture	Allo-cation	Expen-diture
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1.	Delhi	675.00	364.47	1117.00	439.78	652.00	404.88	863.00	521.37	619.00	524.80	3926.00	2255.30
2.	Mumbai	650.00	548.07	1043.00	537.66	598.00	467.45	782.00	445.99	531.00	508.77	3604.00	2507.94
	Total	**1325.00**	**912.54**	**2160.00**	**977.44**	**1250.00**	**872.33**	**1645.00**	**967.36**	**1150.00**	**1033.57**	**7530.00**	**4763.24**

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Note 1 Tamilnadu includes Chennai Telephones. West Bengal includes Kolkata Telephones and Sikkim. Maharashtra includes Goa & Daman Diu. Bihar includes Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh includes Chhatisgarh and Uttar Pradesh includes Uttranchal upto 31-3-2002.

Note 2 The approved Plan outlay for Ninth Plan (1997—02) was Rs. 66974 crores against which a total of Rs. 64232.70 crores has been booked as per the adjustment currently available. The above table shows the distribution of this amount yearwise under the booked expenditure. This expenditure also includes the amount relating to the portion of Salaries, Wages, Stores and other items like overheads which are separately allocated under Working expenses, but are subsequently booked to Capital Outlay, as they pertain to implementation of projects and creation of assets.

Note 3 Data upto 30-09-2000 pertains to DOT and with effect from 1-10-2000 to BSNL. The accounts for DOT period were on Cash basis whereas a commercial system of accounting was implemented with effect from 1-10-2000. The related accounting adjustments and formation of Asset Register consisting of opening balance of Assets has been reflected in the account of BSNL.

Note 4 The booked figure for 2000-01 includes booking/clearance of large number of items under suspense accumulated over a long period. Also some Work-in-progress of previous years was capitalised. Hence the total booked expenditure is higher than the allotment for the year.

Note 5 Work-in-progress has been progressively cleared in the subsequent years, resulting in slightly higher booked expenditure. The actual Asset formation in a year may be higher as previous work-in-progress gets completed in that year.

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Note 1 The allocation shown is based on revised estimate. Break-up of the same between Delhi and Mumbai for the 2nd and 5th Year of Plan on Pro-rata Basis.

Note 2 MTNL is not having budgeting support and meets all its Capital requirements from own internal external resources.

Statement-II

Financial allocation and achievement during the 9th Five Year Plan

(Amount in crores)

ACTIVITY	Ninth Plan Financial Outlay	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002		Total Expenditure in 5 years
		Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
EXPANSION OF POSTAL NETWORK												
Opening of Extra Departmental Post Offices												
Opening of Departmental Sub Offices	27.68	1.15	1.89	3.31	2.89	4.99	7.57	6.64	5.63	10.74	7.39	25.37
Provision of Infrastructural Equipment of EDBOs	12.00	2.40	2.03	1.35	1.07							
Opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras	3.02					0.54	0.22	4.25	2.84	5.7	5.54	11.70
SubTotal	**42.70**	**3.55**	**3.92**	**4.66**	**3.96**	**5.53**	**7.79**	**10.89**	**8.47**	**16.44**	**12.93**	**37.07**